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USSR	ORR	Economic Intell		DATE: 1 Aug 1951
China	OCD	Objectives Industry		CLASS.: S NO. 1 LOCATION: HS/HC-103B Item 2 ✓
Soviet Bloc	NSC	Military operations		
	CIA	Methods Capabilities		
	ERP*	Intell (technical)		
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ABSTRACT Report is divided into three sections describing problems of ORR in dealing with economic intell from the Soviet Bloc and methods used to solve them. The first portion explains importance of economic intell in estimating magnitude, intentions, and relative strengths (between the West and the USSR) of military, political, and social institutions through analysis of the Soviet Bloc economies and need for a centralized research-oriented organization to accomplish this estimation. Several peculiarities of the economy in the Soviet Bloc are pointed out--strict centralization, different priorities, and secretiveness. Method used to assimilate information--method of successive approximation--is discussed fully in the second section. Last portion deals with needs for more study, of goals and organization of Soviet military and technical capabilities and intentions through industry, of certain commodities and their importance to the USSR, and of the inter-dependence of economic and military factors.